

Financial Irregularities in Nandankanan Zoo

†1423. DR. D. MASTHAN:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received certain reports regarding financial irregularities in Nandankanan Zoo;

(b) if so, what are the details of such reports, alongwith the names of persons by whom such reports have been submitted;

(c) whether Government have taken decision to initiate enquiry in respect of these irregularities; and

(d) if so, the name of the agency which has been appointed to conduct enquiry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABULAL MARANDI): (a) to (d) Report on certain financial irrregularities by Shri B.C. Prusty, Ex-Director, Nandankanan Zoo was received by the Orissa Government. Orissa Government has entrusted the enquiry to an officer of the level of Additional Secretary in the Government of Orissa.

National River Protection Plan in Madhya Pradesh towns

†1424. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in respect of the plan formulated under the National River Protection Plan for the towns situated on the banks of seven rivers in Madhya Pradesh to make them pollution free and for the purification of water;

(b) whether major cities/towns of Mandideep, Bhojpur, Bhopal and Vidisha are adversely affected by pollution in Betwa river;

(c) the steps taken for preventing these places from pollution; and

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